# ESSEX AMBULANCE SERVICE CARE TRUST - CONSULTATION

### 1 SUMMARY

1.1 To consider proposals from Essex Ambulance Service for the establishment of an Emergency Care Trust, and to make a response.

### 2 CONSULTATION

- 2.1 There has been a significant increase in the number of emergencies of all kinds across Essex which has put the traditional ambulance service under great pressure. This, together with the need to provide better services to some groups, such as those with urgent mental health problems, and other changes in healthcare, have prompted a review of the Essex Ambulance Service.
- 2.2 It is proposed that an Emergency Care Trust be formed to provide an integrated service encompassing the traditional ambulance service, patient transport service and other services. A representative from Essex Ambulance Trust will be attending the meeting. The consultation ends on 31 December 2004.

## 3 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES** 

To consider the proposals for an Emergency Care Trust and to determine the Council's response.

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## **Background Papers:-**

"Towards an Emergency Care Trust" Essex Ambulance Service NHS Trust

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